

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 22, 2021

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday June 22, 2021, at 4:00 PM in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Vice - President James T. Papacek, Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, John J. Roberts, Martha J. Lake, and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance was County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jamie L. Bolser and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

Council President Jamie L. Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Maple gave a word of Prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2021 HCCO-23-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2021:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-23– Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	<u>Additional Appropriations:</u>	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0005</u>	<u>Sheriff:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	61,955.00	Tabled
	<u>TOTAL GENERAL FUND:</u>	61,955.00	Tabled
<u>1114</u>	<u>LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE:</u>		
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>		
11116	Sheriff 50% (Salary)	(60,455.00)	Tabled
	<u>Total LIT – Special Purpose:</u>	(60,455.00)	Tabled
<u>1222</u>	<u>STATEWIDE 9-1-1 FUND:</u>		
32130	Communications	61,320.00	61,320.00
	<u>Total Statewide 9-1-1 Fund:</u>	61,320.00	61,320.00
<u>8903</u>	<u>COVID- HEALTH- LOCAL TESTING FUND:</u>		
11511	Full- Time Clinic Manager(2)	12,825.00	2,825.00
11512	Part- Time Clinic Staff(8)	12,000.00	12,000.00
	<u>Total COVID- Health – Local Testing Fund:</u>	24,825.00	24,825.00
<u>8975</u>	<u>AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN GRANT FUNDS:</u>		
30000	Other Services & Charges	4,008,301.00	4,008,301.00
47210	Equipment	4,008,301.00	4,008,301.00
	<u>Total American Rescue Plan Grant Fund:</u>	8,016,602.00	8,016,602.00
	<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS:</u>	8,104,247.00	7,981,837.00

1222 - General Fund, Sheriff Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested the additional appropriation for the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund, this will allow the Sheriff's Department to house the 9-1-1 data backup system locally on the sheriff's departments own server, this will cost approx. \$61,320.00.

8903 - COVID- Health – Local Testing Fund, Howard County Health Department Director James Vest

Health Department Director James Vest requested the additional appropriation for the Grant that the Health Department received in the amount of \$24,825.00. The \$24,825.00 was received for the mass vaccinations clinic that was held in April, at this time Mr. Vest would like approval to use this money to fund the staff that is located at the North Bell Street COVID testing site.

8975 - American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, Board of Commissioners President- Paul Wyman

Board of Commissioners President Paul Wyman requested the additional appropriation for the American Rescue Plan Grant Fund. This fund will be processed in the same manner as CARES I, CARES II. The first project that we will be looking at is for the internet broadband infrastructure project for the unserved and underserved. The approval for the internet broadband infrastructure proposal and advertisement was approved at the Commissioners Meeting June 21st, 2021.

Commissary Fund: Sheriff Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher submitted the Commissary Fund for 05/01/2021-05/31/2021

All additional appropriations having been presented with the amendment of tabling of 1000.11100.0005 Elective Official and 1114.11116.0380 LIT- Special Purpose, Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-23, additional appropriations with the amendment of tabling of 1000.11100.0005 Elective Official, and 1114.11116.0380 LIT- Special Purpose as presented. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-HCCR-6 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-6-Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Transfer	From:	To:	Amount	Allowed
<u>1000</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>0089</u>	<u>COVID RELIEF:</u>			
50000	Unappropriated	47210 Equipment	15,595.00	15,595.00
30000	Unappropriated	30000 Other Services & Charges	450.00	450.00
<u>8905</u>	<u>COVID – Safety Awareness:</u>			
50000	Unappropriated	32200 Advertisements/Publications	2,200.00	2,200.00

0089- County General Fund, Board of Commissioners President- Paul Wyman

Board of Commissioners President Paul Wyman is requesting a transfer of funds from the 50000 Unappropriated to 47210 Equipment in the amount of \$15,595.00. Mr. Wyman is also requesting a transfer of funds from 30000 Unappropriated to 30000 Other Services & Charges in the amount of \$450.00.

8905 - County General Fund, Board of Commissioners President- Paul Wyman

Board of Commissioners President Paul Wyman is requesting a transfer of funds from 50000 Unappropriated to 32200 Advertisements/ Publications in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-6, Transfers, as read. Councilwoman Fatum Seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE. NO. 2021-HCCO- 24 -AMENDING SALARY ORD. FOR 2021:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-24- Amending Salary Ordinance one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

<u>Salary Amendments</u>	Requested	Approved
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1000 GENERAL FUND:

0005 Sheriff:

11100	Elected Official	61,955.00	Tabled
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1114 LIT- SPECIAL PURPOSE:

0380 Jail

11116	Sheriff 50%(Salary)	(60,455.00)	Tabled
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8903 COVID- Health – Local Testing Fund:

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Auditor Secrease explained that the salary amendment items as amended were previously covered under the additional appropriations which the council previously approved. Councilman Fatum made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021 - HCCO- 24 Amending Salary Ordinance as read, Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

Sheriff Department-Jail Nursing Staff Contract's-Sheriff Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher, would like to pay the nursing staff from the jail a severance package as they will be transferring to the contract company which takes place on July 11,2021, or leaving the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Asher stated that the total for the four nurses would be approx. \$26,000.00. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve the payout of the severance packages for the four nurses from the jail with the total being approx. \$26,000.00 as presented. Councilman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Council Vice- President Papacek, ask for the council and the commissioners to start a study to look into building a new jail. This year the county has already spent over \$200,000.00 on transfers and housing of inmates to other counties. Mr. Papacek said at this time there is approx. 430 inmates at the county jail at which we should only have approx. 360 inmates. Council President Jamie L. Bolser stated that she would like to thank the commissioners , sheriff's department, courts and judges for working behind the scene on this.

Councilwoman Fatum, would like to express her gratitude that the City, County and State have received the ARP Grant and it is available to meet the needs of everyone.

Council President Jamie L. Bolser, is requesting authorization to sign off on the approval of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property and Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements with Merrell Bros. Inc. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve Council President Jamie L. Bolser authorization to sign the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property and Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements with Merrell Bros. Inc. as presented. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Jamie L. Bolser, thanked the Commissioners, Elective Officials, Council, Department Heads for making sure that the ARP money is being used and distributed in the proper manner.

There being no further business to come before the Council

At this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m., on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

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